

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-3 and 5-13, and ADD new claims 15-42 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a computer system executing middleware portability enabling software including a master control file providing controlling interoperability of ~~customer applications~~ a medical records system between computer platforms including a personal computer, a ~~packet~~ hand-held device, and the Internet a network, wherein the master control file includes access and mapping information between a database of text and image data and the medical records system, the portability enabling software arranged to maintain the database, to populate and maintain the text data, and to capture, populate, maintain, and retrieve the image data in medical record modality formats and in multi-media formats,

wherein the apparatus capturing patient episode data into a secure file, transmitting the secure file as an e-mail attachment, retrieving the patient episode data from the secure file and storing the patient episode data in the medical records system.

2. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising medical software executed by a ~~packet~~ the hand-held device.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the master control file provides the ~~customer applications~~ medical records system with the interoperability to populate, maintain and retrieve information from its database.

4. (original) The apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the master control file controls path and name of folder images, path to and name of the database, database field names, attributes, and locations on the folder image.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein each field name is retained and utilized by the ~~customer application~~medical records system when it populates and retrieves information.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the pointer to and the name of the database indicates the database which the ~~customer application~~medical records system will populate and retrieve information from.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the pointer to and name of graphic images indicates the images that display when the ~~customer application~~medical records system is executed.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 4, wherein the data base field location comprises the top X Y coordinates that define ~~the~~a location ~~that~~at which the database field will be displayed on ~~the~~a graphic image when the ~~customer application~~medical records system is executed.

9. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the medical software comprises a ~~global~~records system storing patient ~~medical records system~~.

10. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the ~~global medical records system~~ storing patient medical records enables health care providers to remotely obtain and review complete patient medical records .

11. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 2, wherein the ~~global medical records system~~ storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to view health indicators remotely.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 9, wherein the apparatus captures, compresses, encrypts, and encapsulates patient episode data into ~~a~~the secure file.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the apparatus

transmits the secure file to a repository mail server, which de-encapsulates and uncompresses the secure file and ~~stored~~stores the de-encapsulated, uncompressed secure file into a patient medical record.

14. (original) The apparatus as in claim 13, wherein a messages is transmitted to an assigned physician notifying the assigned physician of the receipt of the patient episode data.

Please ADD new claims 15-42 as follows:

15. (new) A method of a computer system, comprising:

controlling, by a master control file of a portability enabling program, interoperability of a medical records system between computer platforms including a personal computer, a hand-held device, and a network, wherein the master control file includes access and mapping information between a database of text and image data and a medical records system, the portability enabling software arranged to maintain the database, to populate and maintain the text data, and to capture, populate, maintain, and retrieve the image data in medical record modality formats and in multi-media formats; and

capturing patient episode data into a secure file, transmitting the secure file as an e-mail attachment, retrieving the patient episode data from the secure file and storing the patient episode data in the medical records system.

16. (new) The method as in claim 15, further comprising executing medical software by the hand-held device.

17. (new) The method as in claim 15, further comprising providing, by the master control file, the medical records system with the interoperability to populate, maintain and retrieve information from its database.

18. (new) The method as in claim 15, further comprising controlling, by the master control file, path and name of folder images, path to and name of the database, database field names, attributes, and locations on the folder image.

19. (new) The method as in claim 18, further comprising retaining and utilizing each field name by the medical records system when it populates and retrieves information.

20. (new) The method as in claim 19, further comprising indicating, by the pointer to and the name of the database, the database which the medical records system will populate and retrieve information from.

21. (new) The method as in claim 19, further comprising indicating, by the pointer to and name of graphic images, the images that display when the medical records system is executed.

22. (new) The method as in claim 19, further comprising defining, by the data base field location comprising top X Y coordinates, a location at which the database field will be displayed on a graphic image when the medical records system is executed.

23. (new) The method as in claim 16, further comprising storing patient medical records in the medical records system.

24. (new) The method as in claim 16, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to remotely obtain and review complete patient medical records.

25. (new) The method as in claim 15, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to view health indicators remotely.

26. (new) The method as in claim 15, further comprising capturing, compressing, encrypting, and encapsulating patient episode data into the secure file.

27. (new) The method as in claim 26, further comprising:
transmitting the secure file to a repository mail server,
de-encapsulating and uncompressing the secure file, and
storing the de-encapsulated, uncompressed secure file into a patient medical record.

28. (new) The method as in claim 27, further comprising transmitting transmitted to an assigned physician notifying the assigned physician of the receipt of the patient episode data.

29. (new) A computer-readable medium storing a program executed by a computer system to execute the functions comprising:

controlling, by a master control file of a portability enabling program, interoperability of a medical records system between computer platforms including a personal computer, a hand-held device, and a network, wherein the master control file includes access and mapping information between a database of text and image data and a medical records system, the portability enabling software arranged to maintain the database, to populate and maintain the text data, and to capture, populate, maintain, and retrieve the image data in medical record modality formats and in multi-media formats; and

capturing patient episode data into a secure file, transmitting the secure file as an e-mail attachment, retrieving the patient episode data from the secure file and storing the patient episode data in the medical records system.

30. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising executing medical software by the hand-held device.

31. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising providing, by the master control file, the medical records system with the interoperability to populate, maintain and retrieve information from its database.

32. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising controlling, by the master control file, path and name of folder images, path to and name of the database, database field names, attributes, and locations on the folder image.

33. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising retaining and utilizing each field name by the medical records system when it populates and retrieves information.

34. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising indicating, by the pointer to and the name of the database, the database which the medical records system will populate and retrieve information from.

35. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising indicating, by the pointer to and name of graphic images, the images that display when the medical records system is executed.

36. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 32, further comprising defining, by the data base field location comprising top X Y coordinates, a location at which the database field will be displayed on a graphic image when the medical records system is executed.

37. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 30, further comprising storing patient medical records in the medical records system.

38. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 30, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to remotely obtain and review complete patient medical records.

39. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising storing patient medical records to enable health care providers to view health indicators remotely.

40. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 29, further comprising capturing, compressing, encrypting, and encapsulating patient episode data into the secure file.

41. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 39, further comprising:
transmitting the secure file to a repository mail server,
de-encapsulating and uncompressing the secure file, and
storing the de-encapsulated, uncompressed secure file into a patient medical record.

42. (new) The computer-readable medium as in claim 41, further comprising

transmitting transmitted to an assigned physician notifying the assigned physician of the receipt of the patient episode data.